

MEMORANDUM
PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Children's System of Care

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Richard J. Burton, M.D., M.P.H.
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Richard S. Knecht, M.S., Director of Children's System of Care

DATE: September 18, 2007

SUBJECT: Contracts with St. Helena Hospital and Sutter Center for Psychiatry

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve the agreements with St. Helena Hospital and Sutter Center for Psychiatry to provide inpatient hospital services for fiscal years 2007 through 2009 in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 each, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the agreements and subsequent amendments up to 10% of the total contract amounts.

BACKGROUND:

St. Helena Hospital and Sutter Center for Psychiatry provide acute inpatient services for Placer County children and adults who are assessed to be either a danger to themselves or a danger to others. The intent of acute inpatient care is to protect the clients from themselves or from harming others, stabilize the clients to eliminate the safety concerns, and refer them to appropriate follow-up behavioral health care.

Placer County does not offer inpatient services for children. Subsequently, St. Helena Hospital and Sutter Center for Psychiatry serve as the acute psychiatric care facilities for children.

St. Helena Hospital and St. Helena Hospital Center for Behavioral Health (both operated by St. Helena Hospital) and Sutter Center for Psychiatry meet the Medi-Cal contracting requirements under Title 9, Section 1729 et seq. of the California Code of Regulations. These contracts may be exempt from the competitive process in accordance with Purchasing Policy Section 1.3(a), Professional Services.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The FY 2007/08 hospital costs are included in the budget for the Adult System of Care and the Children's System of Care. Approximately ten percent (10%) of the clients hospitalized are eligible for Medi-Cal; in these cases, the expenditures are funded by federal Medi-Cal and state general funds. The remaining cases are funded with County General Funds; these costs are partially offset by State realignment funds.

The following Contract Amendment for:

**St. Helena Hospital & Sutter
Center for Psychiatry**

is on file with the Clerk of the Board
for BOS meeting:

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